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NOTICE

All persons are forbidden to camp or boat at Lake Hancock, otherwise known as Sucker pond. Trespassing on the property of the Bennington Water Company will be promptly prosecuted. This action is for the protection of the water supply of the village of Bennington from contamination and we invite the cooperation of the public in assisting to keep the village water supply absolutely pure.

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Bennington, Vt., June 17, 1909.

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THE PRICE OF GAS.

A petition is in circulation asking the village trustees to take steps to fight the action of the gas company in raising the price of gas in this village. It has been signed by several of the gas consumers who believe that the company should live up to the old contract made by its predecessor and furnish gas at \$1.32. The company is now charging \$1.75 net.

It seems to the Banner that the trustees would be doing a public service if they should go into this matter carefully and make an earnest effort to settle it on a basis fair to the public and to the company.

We believe that \$1.75 is an exorbitant price for gas even in a small town like Bennington, and at the same time we feel sure that to compel the company to sell gas at \$1.32 would quickly force it into bankruptcy and drive it out of business which would be a silly thing for the village to do. What is wanted is a rate that will let the company live and pay a low rate of interest to its stockholders and the public is entitled to the lowest rate on which this can be done.

Quite recently the state of Massachusetts investigated its gas companies and found by careful investigation what it cost in various towns to manufacture gas. In towns running up to twice the size of Bennington the cost of making gas was found to be from \$1.40 to \$1.52 per thousand feet. This did not take into consideration profit on investment.

In this state the net price of gas in towns like Barre, Montpelier, Brattleboro and Springfield, approximately of the same class as Bennington, averages from \$1.55 to \$1.65. The Banner believes that in Bennington the gas company ought to do fairly well with a net price of not more than \$1.60.

The point is however that the matter ought to be settled on an equitable basis and the sooner the better. The village has a competent and public spirited board of trustees. They are business men who want to do right by the village and by the business interests here. Why shouldn't the gas company take its books before the trustees at an executive session and the trustees and the directors of the company go over the question fully and fairly and in detail? A settlement might then be reached through actual knowledge that would save trouble hard feeling and, perhaps, expensive litigation.

In the natural order of things the lieutenant governorship next year will go to Windham county. Last year Windham county did not have a single candidate on the state ticket and of course such an oversight will not be allowed to occur twice in succession. The lieutenant governorship being about the only place open it can be taken for granted that Windham county will not let that pass. Several good and proper candidates from that county have already been "mentioned" but there is plenty more material. For instance there are Tyler D. Goodell of Whitingham and Edwin P. Adams of Marlboro, both of whom have had long legislative experience and are men in whom the public has confidence. Mr. Adams is a man of the late John H. Merrifield type and his efforts in behalf of economy in the last legislature will not be soon forgotten. Mr. Goodell is even better qualified as a presiding officer, is a hard worker of good horse sense and an honest, straightforward man.

FARM BUILDINGS DESTROYED

Fire Does \$3,000 Damages Near North Danville—Defective Chimney
St. Joansbury, June 18.—The comparatively new farm buildings, owned by Frank Emmons, located about three miles from North Danville, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The house and two barns, with all their contents except the live stock, were destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$3,000 with insurance of but about \$1,400.

The fire was discovered on the roof of the building and at the time had gained such headway that, together with the high wind, it overcame all efforts to put it out. The cause was probably a defective chimney. The nearest neighbors live a half-mile away and arrived too late to be of material assistance.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

MANY KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Disastrous Storms in Austria—Many Dead in One Building

Vienna, June 17.—There has been great loss of life and damage to property in the Sanok district by thunderstorms. Many houses have been struck by lightning, and the occupants killed.

In one case a barn in which fifty people had sought shelter from a deluge of rain was struck, and ten men were killed.

NON-PAYING HOTEL PATRONS.

Inevitable Expense That Proprietors of New York Hostelties Must Be Prepared For.

The proprietor of one of the largest hotels in New York, speaking of the uses made by non-paying customers of his house, said to a rural guest a few days ago: "We have a large number of patrons from whom we never collect a cent, although we have no such thing as a free list. They come here in the morning, pick up a cast-off paper, which they read, keeping an eye open for another, which they grab as soon as it is dropped. After reading awhile they stand at the ticker, often giving long lectures to their fellows on financial conditions and stock possibilities. The overcoat becomes burdensome, and it is taken to the check-room, where its owner knows it will be perfectly safe. Then, if they can tear themselves from the ticker, letters are written on our stationery. They do not use our telephones, because we charge an extra five cents for the call, but they carry home matches, toothpicks, blank cards and blotters, and use up the soap in our lavatories. They also take generous nibbles of the cheese and crackers in the cafe. The strangest part of all is this, that the majority of this class are well to do and highly respectable, and on that account we do not shut them out."

TRAINING OF TURKESTAN GIRL

"Education" That Seems to the Western Mind to Be of Little Real Value.

Dismissing before the uprolled felt door of one of the round tents, I peered into the smoke-laden interior, and found an old white-turbaned "khaja" teaching three rosy-cheeked little girls to read.

"How is this?" I asked in Turki, surprised at such a reversal of Mohammedan customs. "Aren't there any boys in this camp?"

"Oh, yes," answered the teacher, with a shrug of his shoulders; "but what can we do? We are poor. The boys must be off tending the sheep."

The pretty, black-haired girls were evidently a rich man's daughters, for the broad brims of their caps were made of imported fur, and their shapeless gowns were of red, green and yellow silk, woven in preposterous flowery patterns. I asked one of them to read where I pointed. She did not even glance at the book, but began reciting something as fast as possible. It was the day's passage from the Arabic Koran, which neither she nor her teacher understood. That was the extent of her education.—Ellsworth Huntington, in Harper's Magazine.

Better Not Take Whiskey.

The next time you have a sudden chill—your or any of the folks at home—don't bother with whiskey or waste time. Take quickly a teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller in half a glass of hot water or milk. Its good record of 70 years proves reliability. At your druggist's. The new size is 35c, or 50c, a (larger) bottle. You ought to have it on hand.

Teacher's Examinations.

In compliance with request of the State Superintendent of Education, I will hold examination of teachers at Bennington Thursday and Friday, June 24 and 25. This is the regular summer examination usually held in August, and will be the last under the present system of county examinations.

Town superintendents will give examinations for entrance into high school as in the past and county examiners will continue to have charge of these until Dec. 1, 1910.

Albert W. Varney,
Examiner of Teachers.

JUNE 18th FOOTWEAR

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For the Young Man.

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STORY OF THE HUMBLE CLAM

Small and Comparatively Unimportant, Nevertheless He Has His Good Points.

Everybody has heard of the clam, for he has of late years achieved celebrity by lending the use of his name for broth, a form of warm water used in restaurants and soda fountains.

Those who have studied the clam, however, know that he is in reality a remarkable individual.

The clam begins by depositing himself in a sand bank. He takes out no fire insurance, and may be seen occasionally squirting out water, as a precaution against any sparks that might fall inadvertently.

The clam in summer wears a sheath gown open at the sides, but so modest is he (or she) that it is immediately closed up at the approach of another person.

Clams have decollete necks, which they are very fond of displaying in broad daylight. This, of course, makes them very sunburned.

It would be much better if, during the sunny part of the day, the clam would wear a veil.

Clams live usually in flats, and always go down through the roof.

In their native element they are very much at home, but when seen in company with human beings they are usually in the soup or frittering away their lives.—Judge.

THE EYE ON CHINESE JUNKS.

Cantonese Legend Explains Why Apparently Purposeless Symbol is Placed There.

Few people know why Chinese junks have an eye painted on the port side of the bow. A Cantonese legend explains the origin of that singular custom in a way that is suggestive of Anglo-Saxon humor.

A Chinese mandarin who lived centuries before the Christian era, finding himself in need of a navy, sent for the royal boat builder and ordered him to build a certain number of ships. So the builder drew up plans and presented them to the mandarin. But the plans evidently did not suit his majesty, for he flew into a violent rage and ordered the boat builder to his presence.

"Then how shall I build them, your celestial highness?" he pleaded.

Whereupon the mandarin drew off one of his slippers and threw it at the boat builder, who fled from the room. At the door he turned for a moment, just in time to catch the mandarin winking at his prime minister.

The boat builder picked up the royal slipper and used it as a model, and then painted one eye on its bow to represent the royal master's wink.

Attitude Toward Death.

The normal attitude of men toward death seems to be one of inattention or evasion. They do not trouble about it; they do not want to trouble about it; and they resent its being called to their notice. On this point the late Frederick Myers used to tell a story which I have always thought very illuminating. In conversation after dinner he was pressing on his host the unwelcome question, what he thought would happen after death. After many evasions and much recalcitancy the reluctant admission was extorted: "Of course, if you press me, I believe that we shall all enter into eternal bliss; but I wish you wouldn't talk about such disagreeable subjects." This, I believe, is typical of the normal mood of most men. They don't want to be worried; and though probably, if the question were pressed, they would object to the idea of extinction, they can hardly be said to desire immortality. Even at the point of death, it would seem, this attitude is often maintained.—Atlantic.

Taunting Him.

It was housecleaning time, and Mr. Stubb was removing the dusty pictures from the walls. The frames slipped, the step-ladder creaked ominously, and the perspiration rolled from Mr. Stubb's brow. In the humor to bite a nail in half he turned and discovered Mrs. Stubb laughing.

"That's it!" he roared, as the step-ladder awayed. "Laugh and show your gold teeth."

And still she laughed.

"Do you think there is anything funny in my moving these pictures?" he sputtered, in fierce tones.

"No, indeed, John," said Mrs. Stubb, soothingly, "but you know you look so funny it looks like a moving picture show."

Then Mr. Stubb swallowed a pint of dust and simply fumed.

Delayed.

Though his complexion was pale green, he managed to totter to the deck in the third day after leaving port. There he met an exasperatingly jovial and healthy looking fellow-passenger.

"Glad to see you," exclaimed the latter to the man with the green face; "how is it that you haven't been on deck before this?"

"Well, you see," replied the other, "each time that I planned to get on deck, something kept coming up, so I had to postpone the trip."

Not a Question of Ideas.

"I think," said Miss Cayenne, "that in the course of time we shall be communicating with Mars."

"What of it?" inquired the professor. "We won't be able to exchange any ideas of importance."

"Perhaps not. But the conversation at teas and receptions should fortify us for a little disappointment like that."

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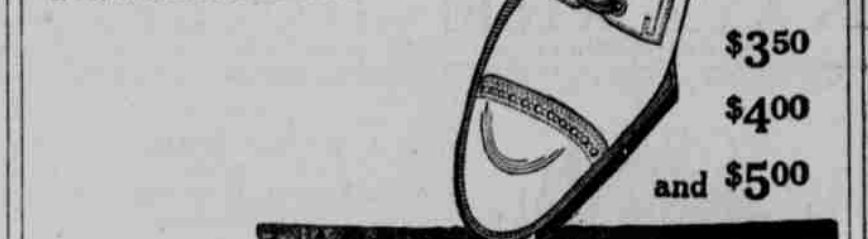
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